

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12.

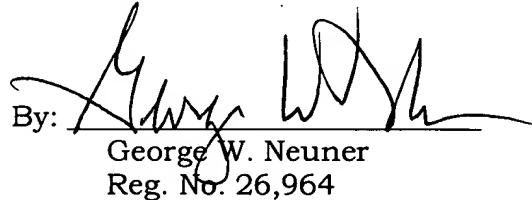
REMARKS

Applicants claim priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 9-167009 filed June 24, 1997 and Japanese Patent Application No. 9-192361 filed July 17, 1997. Certified copies of the priority applications were submitted in the parent application and acknowledged in the Notice of Allowability dated May 4, 2001.

An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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On page 1, the following new paragraph is inserted.

Cross-reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/103,869 filed
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